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The cited documents listed on the Forms PTO-1449 are in the English language with the exception of items C, I, and K. Items I and K, International Patent Publication WO98/05965 and WO98/34116 respectively, are in the

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French language and are supplied with an English language Derwent abstract describing the subject matter (items T and U respectively). Item C, German Patent No. DE 19731479 A1, is in the German language and is supplied with an English language Derwent abstract describing the subject matter (item V). Hence, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed item is necessary.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing reference and that it be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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